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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 28, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting row crops and planting winter crops. Rain delayed harvesting efforts, but helped pastures and winter grazing. Soil moisture is 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 54 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	100	99	100	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Harvested	89	78	93	75	1	4	33	48	14
Sorghum	Harvested	100	97	100	98	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	98	100	100	1	3	34	51	11
	Shedding Leaves	97	92	99	94					
	Harvested	74	66	83	59					
Wheat	Planted	68	55	56	48	---	1	29	66	4
Peanuts	Harvested	100	98	99	97	---	---	---	---	---
Pecans	Harvested	20	17	13	21	24	9	34	26	7
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	82	75	90	86	---	---	8	49	43
Cattle						2	5	31	53	9
Pasture						3	12	41	39	5

County Agent Comments

"The first-time picking for cotton is about complete. There will be plenty of fields that will scrap one-quarter bale or slightly better. Prices are the major concern for this cotton crop. Soybean harvest continues to bring in above average yields. Sweet potato harvest will be complete in 8-10 days. Storage houses are running over, but demand is good."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Rain in early part of week and latter part of week delayed all harvest operations. The county needs 10 days of sunny weather during the day to complete harvest. The rains should boost the growth of wheat and ryegrass that has been planted."

— R. L. Jones, Marshall County

"Rain has delayed all field operations. Wheat is up to a good stand. Cotton harvesting is almost completed. Soybean yields are very good."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Second pick on cotton is extra good. Weather permitting, we'll be through picking cotton in 7-10 days. Winter grazing is getting a good start with all the rain we're getting."

— Fred Rose, Webster County

"Moisture is adequate across the county. Harvest of late planted soybeans is just beginning and has now been halted by heavy rains."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Bean yields are good up to this point. Cotton yields are roughly 1 1/2 bales per acre. Late cotton may be lower."

— Victor Lee, Newton County

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Weather Summary For October 21, 1996 to October 27, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	72	42	59	60	-1	2.69	+2.08	3	2.90	71	50	60	0.29
Cleveland	79	41	62			1.47		3	1.84				
Tunica	78	36	60	59	+1	4.10	+3.26	4	5.20	70	62	66	
Extreme/Average	79	36	60	59	+1	2.75	+2.02	3	3.31	71	50	63	0.29
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	77	35	60	57	+3	3.02	+2.10	3	4.18	68	54	61	0.12
Memphis	83	44	62	60	+3	6.24	+5.40	5	6.36				
Oxford	79	37	61	57	+4	2.81	+1.96	2	4.67				
Extreme/Average	83	35	61	58	+3	4.02	+3.15	3	5.07	68	54	61	0.12
3. Northeast													
Booneville	76	39	59	57	+2	1.69	+0.82	4	2.42				
Corinth	80	37	64	58	+6	2.04	+1.14	3	2.97				
Iuka	76	31	57			1.68		3	2.78				
Pontotoc	81	40	63	58	+6	1.87	+1.13	4	2.92	71	53	63	0.11
Tupelo	81	39	63	59	+4	1.55	+0.74	4	2.23				
Verona	80	39	61			1.26		4	2.55	71	52	62	0.11
Extreme/Average	81	31	61	58	+3	1.67	+0.84	4	2.65	71	52	62	0.10
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	83	43	65	61	+4	2.46	+1.67	4	2.80	78	54	68	
Greenwood	86	41	63	61	+2	2.34	+1.50	4	2.62				
Rolling Fork	85	40	64			2.58	+1.55	3	2.83	81	60	71	0.09
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	85	41	64	62	+2	3.62	+2.68	4	3.88				
Extreme/Average	86	41	64	61	+3	2.75	+1.85	4	3.03	81	54	70	0.09
5. Central													
Carthage	82	35	61	60	+1	1.85	+1.11	4	2.38				
Jackson	87	37	65	62	+3	1.35	+0.61	4	1.39				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	87	35	63	61	+2	1.60	+0.86	4	1.89				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville													
Columbus	84	41	64			1.48		3	1.50				
State University	82	41	58	60	-3	1.62	+0.65	4	1.79	76	51	63	
Extreme/Average	84	41	61	60	+1	1.50	+0.63	4	1.65	76	51	63	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	37	64			2.07		4	2.07	78	59	68	
Natchez	86	36	66	64	+2	3.04	+1.86	3	3.06				
Oakley	85	37	63			1.80	+0.91	4	1.83	79	52	66	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	86	36	64	64	+0	2.30	+1.26	4	2.32	79	52	67	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	79	36	64	64	+0	7.18	+6.54	4	7.23				
McComb	84	36	64	63	+1	2.88	+1.83	5	3.23				
Extreme/Average	84	36	64	63	+1	5.03	+4.18	5	5.23				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	84	35	64			3.62		4	4.06	85	53	69	
Hattiesburg	80	34	61	63	-1	5.40	+4.82	4	6.00				
Laurel													
Meridian	85	35	63	61	+2	1.95	+1.02	3	2.05				
Newton	82	31	63	60	+3	1.78	+0.92	4	1.88	72	48	61	0.11
Extreme/Average	85	31	63	61	+2	3.19	+2.40	4	3.50	85	48	65	0.11
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	82	37	63			2.03		2	3.95				
Biloxi	82	46	68			0.07		2	0.81				
Gulfport	80	42	66	66	+0	0.03	-0.43	1	0.81				
Pascagoula	80	41	63	67	-4	0.13	-0.41	3	1.36				
Poplarville	85	38	65	65	+0	2.97	+2.40	3	2.97	84	58	70	0.15
Extreme/Average	85	36	65	66	-1	1.05	+0.53	2	1.98	84	58	70	0.15
State	87	31	63	61	+1	2.59	+1.78	4	3.06	85	48	65	0.15

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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